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COMMITTEE BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES FY 2010

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2010 to be submitted to the Committee on the Budget.

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Expanding Coverage, Improving Quality and Controlling Costs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

TARP

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) accountability and oversight, focusing on achieving transparency, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Neiman, New York State Banking Department, Member, and Damon A. Silvers, Deputy Chairman, both of the Congressional Oversight Panel; and Nicole Tichon, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, DC.

U.S. SENATE VACANCIES

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution: Subcommittee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, both proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, after receiving testimony from Senator Begich; Representatives Dreier and Schock; Thomas H. Neale, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Kevin J. Kennedy, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Madison; Vikram David Amar, University of California School of Law, Davis; Bob Edgar, Common Cause, and Matthew Spalding, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC; Pamela S. Karlan, Stanford Law School Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford, CA; and David Segal, Fair Vote Center for Voting and Democracy, Providence, RI.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine sustainable transportation solutions, focusing on investing in transit to meet 21st century challenges, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 budget and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John P. Holdren, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, both of the Department of Commerce, and routine promotion lists in the Coast Guard, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine climate science, focusing on empowering our response to climate change, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines, including increased Federal siting authority and regional transmission planning, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine work-force issues in health care reform, focusing on assessing the present and preparing for the future; Business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to mark up certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.